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BLM CONSIDERS SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS

DILLON (March 22, 2005) - The Bureau of Land Management's Dillon Field Office is reviewing requests for two special recreation permits to conduct commercially guided recreational activities on BLM managed public lands. One application is to conduct guided Lewis & Clark living history canoe trips on the Jefferson River from Twin Bridges to the Missouri Headwaters for both school groups and private parties. Overnight camping would occur on BLM lands in three locations along the route.

The second application is for expansion of an existing permit to include day-use horseback riding on BLM lands near Bannack State Park and public lands in the Blacktail Mountains area from the Blacktail Road to the Interstate. Group size for these rides would not exceed 10 riders (including guides) and one pack mule. A one-time authorization would also be considered crossing BLM lands through Horse Prairie to Lemhi Pass with a group of up to 18 riders to commemorate the anniversary of Lewis & Clark's journey along that route.

Public comments on these permit applications regarding social, economic and environmental benefits or concerns of issuing these permits will be helpful in considering these applications. Comments may be sent to: BLM Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT 59725 by April 29 or contact Rick Waldrup at (406) 683-2337 for further information.